

Neighborhood Advisory Group (NAG) Meeting
San Jose City Hall Tower, 17th floor
City Manager's Conference Room
May 19, 2010

6:36 pm- Agenda Item I-Welcome and Chair's Remarks

- Don Gagliardi welcomed everyone. Announced that he would be stepping down as NAG Chair.

6:39 pm- Agenda Item II- Councilmember Liccardo Announcements

- Card club expansion- Due to neighborhood concerns, more \$\$ is being allocated for lights and safety measures. The proposal is approved to move forward. The City is seeking more oversight vs. pending new CA legislation providing no restrictions on locations.

6:42 pm- Agenda Item III- Neighborhoods Commission Update

- Beth Shafran-Mukai stated that the Commission is submitting recommendations to the City on the police rotation lengths.
- A letter was submitted to encourage the preservation of City services, possibly through volunteer opportunities and/or community partnerships.
- Next meeting date, May 20th at 7:00 pm.

6:45 pm Agenda Item IV- District 3/City Budget Discussion

- "Save our Neighborhoods" update from Tina Morrill- Strong attendance is encouraged on several key Council meeting dates. Details to be e-mailed.
- Councilmember Constant's website offers many useful resources for letter templates and information.
- The message is to preserve "core services" including parks, pools and libraries. It's not too late to send letters and e-mails.
- Councilmember Liccardo thanked folks for the good attendance at last night's meeting. Recap: six community centers are slated for closure. Gardner, Washington and Alma identified as tier 1 centers for most needed areas.
- June 4th- Mayor releases his budget document. It is unknown if tier 1 proposals (for 2010-2011) will be included.
- Outside (non-City \$\$) funding must be located to keep community centers open past this year.
- October 2010, the ending fund balance will be known. Half of any surplus funds will be used for road repairs and the other half is put toward next year's deficit.
- Summer 2010- A partnership with California Sports Center will keep Ryland Pool open without any additional expense to the public.
- A proposal to maintain library hours is being discussed.

- The SJ Mercury article on a six union collaboration to save \$55 million, actual savings are one time and only amount to \$14 million, far short of what is needed.
- Suggestion: Remove binding arbitration requirement from City charter. This option requires a ballot measure put to a vote.

7:35 pm Agenda Item V- NAG Leadership 2010-2011

- Elections will be held at next meeting for new Chair and Vice-Chair. Please e-mail your interest to Sam or Ragan.
- Councilmember Liccardo thanked Don for his years of service and leadership.

7:40 pm- Agenda Item VI- Open Forum & Announcements

- Mauricio- new face, attends neighborhood commission meetings which are often on the same dates as NAG. Interested in reviving the “taking back St. James Park” effort.
- Frank- San Pedro/St. James Historic group is reforming. May 29- neighborhood tour.
- Don- History Park has an exhibit on City parks.
- Dennis- June 6- Naglee Park Open Studios with 38 artists.
- Tina- “Thank you” to Councilmember Liccardo and the D3 staff for securing a Ryland Pool partnership to keep the pool open.
- Frank- groups feeding the homeless in St. James Park are from out of the area. More intervention and vigilance is required.

7:50 pm- Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, June 16, 2010, 6:30-8:00 pm, City Hall wing, rooms 118-119.